

Dear Sirs,
I am writing to you to state my opposition to HR 4026 and NAB's petition 04-160.

I am a satellite radio subscriber for the last couple of years, and as someone who spends 3 hours in my car everyday commuting. I need a constant, reliable source of local traffic information. I would benefit greatly from satellite local traffic information. When I am stuck in traffic wondering what is causing the delays and looking for alternative routes, I find that local broadcast radio is useless. I have to listen to non-stop commercials and other useless information for 15 min. or more on the static filled AM band to finally hear 10 seconds of traffic information that applies to me. By the time I get the information it is often too late for me to take any meaningful action that will let me avoid the traffic blockage.

I find that satellite news and music selection is superior in every way to local broadcast stations that seem to all play the same music that seems to be aimed at kids and I never hear any local information on the FM band. The music that I listen to on satellite can never be found on any broadcast station. I pay for my satellite radio subscription. I expect superior music selection, superior news selection and superior local information. That is why I am willing to pay for the service.

If the NAB petition 04-160 would prevent me from having more local information from satellite then I oppose it. If the local broadcasters want me as a listener then they should stop filling up the public airways with annoying commercials and start providing some really valuable public service information.

Sincerely,
Dennis Rhoads